

time swept the field with shrapnel which mowed down a large number of enemy troops.

French Win Successes In Fighting at Souchez And in Lorette Hills

PARIS, June 20.—The ravine of Fond du Buval, held by a little band of Germans in a desperate struggle that has continued for three days, has been captured by French troops.

An official statement from the war office says that the German force was almost annihilated. Only ten prisoners were made by the French when they rushed the ravine from all four sides and fought their way through the German square of trenches.

Last night's official communiqué, the first in forty-eight hours, giving details of the great battle north of Arras, reported important French successes in the fighting around Souchez and in the Lorette hills region. North of Souchez the French took several rows of enemy trenches by bayonet charges, and forced the Germans to evacuate other positions by a hot artillery fire.

In the Labyrinth district southeast of Neuville, French troops have recaptured a tunnel which has changed hands several times in the last fortnight of fighting.

The Labyrinth fighting has resulted in heavy losses for both sides. It is now known that German troops in Alsace have evacuated Metzer, and have retired at several points along the river Rhen. Before retreating from Metzer the enemy fired the important buildings and destroyed all military works.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Partly cloudy tonight and Monday; light variable winds.
Maryland—Partly cloudy tonight and Monday; light variable winds.
Virginia—Fair tonight and Monday; light south to southwest winds.
Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair tonight and Monday; light variable winds.
Delaware—Fair tonight and Monday; light, variable winds.
New Jersey—Fair tonight and Monday; light variable winds.
Western Pennsylvania—Fair tonight and Monday.

TEMPERATURES
U. S. BUREAU OF WEATHER
8 a. m. 73
9 a. m. 75
10 a. m. 76
11 a. m. 77
12 noon 80
8 a. m. 80
9 a. m. 82
10 a. m. 84
11 a. m. 85
12 noon 86

BATTLES ON WATER, LAND, AND IN THE AIR FOUGHT BY ITALIANS

Rogians Move Steadily Into Austria at Practically Every Point Except Adige Valley.

ROME, June 20.—Air battles, naval encounters and heavy fighting from the lower plains of the Isonzo to mountain peaks far above the clouds, are reported in official dispatches as the fifth week of the Austro-Italian war begins.

Destroyer flotillas and cruiser squadrons of both the Italian and the Austrian navies are steaming about in the narrow stretches of the upper Adriatic, scouting for hostile ships and shelling seaport towns. A fight between Austrian vessels that shelled Tagliamento and a pursuing Italian squadron Friday night is believed to have been a forerunner of a certain sea battle within the next fortnight.

Stubborn At Goritz.

Several shots were exchanged in a brief running fight, the Austrians heading southward off Venice. Not one of the Austrian shells reached its mark, and the enemy warships made off in the darkness. The Italian destroyers steamed eastward along the Istrian peninsula and then returned safely to their base.
At practically every point except in the Adige valley, Italian troops are moving slowly forward into Austria. The enemy is maintaining a stubborn defense at Goritz, and it is admitted here that long-distance bombardment of the western forts thus far have failed to wreck any of the important Austrian defenses.
The heaviest fighting around Goritz centers about the group of hills south

of Plava. The Austrians have thrown a triple line of strong intrenchments across the valley near Plava to block flank movement on Goritz. Bersaglieri forces which crossed the Isonzo at Plava and captured the heights are holding their positions despite determined counterattacks. But terrific fire from the Austrian guns has wrecked scores of pontoons thrown across the river, and the Bersaglieri thus far have been unable to bring heavy guns to support their advance.
The fall of the fortress of Malborget, near Tarvis, is hourly expected. Dispatches from the front say that, although the fortress has been heavily shelled, the Alpini have not yet succeeded in dislodging the Austrian garrison on the heights.

VIENNA, June 20.—Italian attacks, all along the Isonzo, and particularly in the region north of Goritz, have broken down under terrific Austrian bombardment.

The war office reports that since Friday there has been a lull in the fighting along the Isonzo, in the Carnic Alps, and in the Adige valley. A strong enemy attack near Plava, six miles north of Goritz, was repulsed.
Austro-German armies, closing in from the south and west, stormed and captured the town of Grodek, sixteen miles west of Lemberg, early yesterday. The Russian fortifications were blown to pieces by a tornado of shells.

The Slavs offered stubborn resistance, but were driven through the town in an infantry onslaught that continued throughout the night. Advances received here from Galicia say that the enemy is retreating northward along the bend of the Przemysl-Lemberg railway toward the last line of defenses before Lemberg.

Germany Preparing for Next Winter's Campaign

BERLIN, June 2 (by mail).—Germany is preparing for another winter campaign. Almost every day on Zimmerstrasse, the center of the clothing manufacturing district, truck loads of heavy field gray overcoats are carted to a large fur store on Mauernstrasse, within two blocks of the American embassy. These overcoats are being lined with fur by the hundreds every day.
Wagonloads of heavy leather boots pass through Charlottenstrasse every day. They are of the kind worn by the German soldiers campaigning in Poland last winter.

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DESCRIBES ZEPPELIN RAID ON CITY OF HULL

Washingtonian's Brother Says Six Were Killed, Forty Injured, and Three Fires Started.

Evidently overlooked by the censors a letter describing the damage done in the recent Zeppelin raid on the east coast of England has been received by Thomas H. Swenson, 118 Carlisle court, this city, from his brother, who is living in Hull, England. The letter was mailed in Hull June 4, and reached Washington yesterday.

"No doubt by this time you will have read about the Zeppelin raid on the coast cities," the letter says. "Well, we had our first visit from those devils last Sunday midnight. I earnestly hope that it will be the last time they will get to our vicinity or anywhere else in England, if they wreak the damage they did Sunday. They must have dropped eighteen or twenty bombs, most of them in East Hull, where we live.

"The monster airship passed directly over our heads. We stood against the door watching it for more than half an hour. We don't get to know any of the particulars concerning the damage done and the lives lost other than what we see with our own eyes. The people in the vicinity say that so far six people have been found killed, and forty were

injured by the bombs. Three fires were caused.

"One Hewitson sawmill in Damsen lane and the establishment of Edwin Davis and son in Queen's street beside Holy Trinity Church were destroyed. More than fifty homes were damaged by the bombs. One of the missiles dropped in High street. It made a hole about fifteen feet in width and five feet in depth.
"Mother is much frightened now that they have attacked us. What is America going to do? Are they going to start into it? I hope so, as it will help to finish it all the sooner. Good-by for the present. Will write more the next time, if we are spared."

U. S. Can't Be Peacemaker, Declares Prof. Jastrow

BERLIN (via The Hague), June 20.—Writing in the Tageblatt, Prof. Jastrow upheld the American contention that the United States does not violate her neutrality by permitting the sale of arms to the allies. From the legal standpoint, he said, the American argument that the allies' control of the seas alone makes them the sole purchasers, is sound.
Prof. Jastrow, however, declared that since the United States had taken this

position, it would be impossible for her to play the role of peacemaker.
Other Berlin newspapers continue to devote columns to discussions as to whether the United States is justified in selling arms to Germany's enemies.

Raisuli Nearly Killed.

MADRID, June 20.—Raisuli, the conspicuous brigand and pretender to the throne of Morocco, had a narrow escape from death recently while on his way to visit the Spanish zone which he once controlled. He carried a safe conduct from the Spanish commander, but was attacked by Spanish troops, apparently through some misunderstanding.

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